

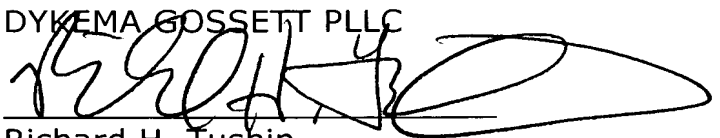
REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment claims 1-18 have been replaced by new claims 19-41 which better comply with U.S. practice.

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